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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Chico Emergency Operations Center Upgrades in the fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Chico located at 411 Main Street, Chico, CA 95928 and mailing address P.O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927. The funding would be used for a number of interior refurbishments to make the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) fully operational and functional. It will require significant upgrades in information technology (IT) and audio-visual (AV) infrastructure, in addition to flooring and furniture upgrades. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Emergency Operations Center in Chico has been used as a regional Incident Command Center during several of the regional emergencies of the past few years, such as the 2017 Oroville Dam spillway crisis and the 2018 Camp Fire. As the aforementioned incidents indicate, the EOC fulfills a vital public safety and mutual assistance role for the City as well as the County in coordination during local, State, and Federal emergencies.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by Section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,


Doug LaMalfa

Member of Congress